

YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

April 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- Meet at 5:30 pm at Mory's **Friday, May 11th** for drinks to toast the laying of the Yale Aviation Brick. Stay as long as you'd like. Look for the E-vite soon. See you there!
- The next Wash N Wax is scheduled for **Saturday, June 16th**, 9 am at Robinson. Always a lot of fun – and there'll be food!

PILOTS & PLANES –

Hot off the presses! Just back from the fly-in today **Sunday, April 15th** to Block Island, where seven of us had a wonderful breakfast and were back by noon. Thanks to **Nield Mercer** and **Mark Volcheck** for doing the flying, and **CAS** for lunch! It was unanimously agreed that we should do this more often – anyone have a good plan for the next airport fly-in???

Pictures of our morning are below (sure beats doing your taxes!!!):



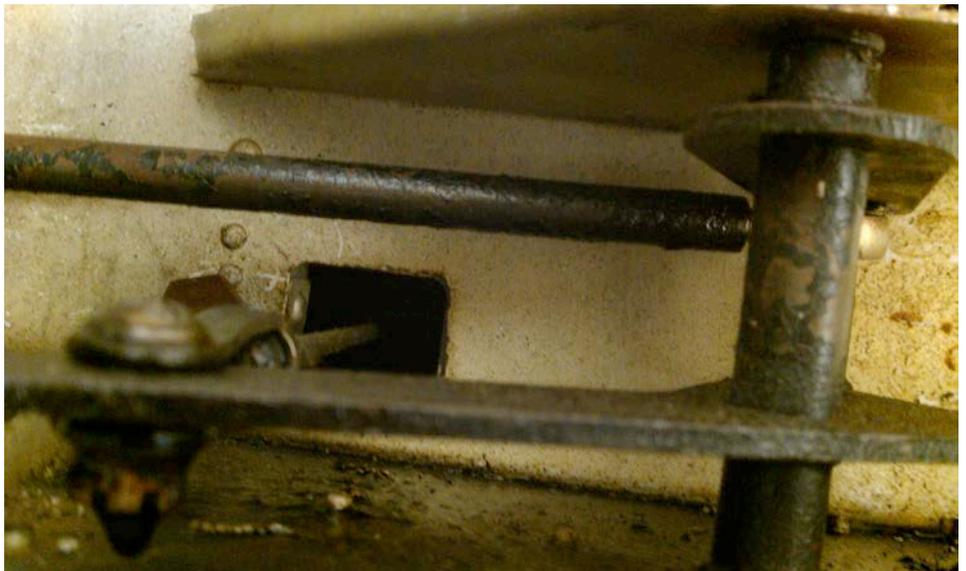
Nield Mercer, Tom Sobocinski, Mark Volchek, Attila Roca, Akihiro Hashimoto, Mirai Hashimoto (l to r)



Spring Flying – A few words to the wise for rusty pilots emerging from their houses after a long winter: The warmer air and gusty winds of spring act to complicate what is a natural tendency to hit the skies as the weather improves. Be especially careful to watch for shifts in wind conditions, and be prepared to alter your plans accordingly. Cross-wind landings are always good to practice, and going out with an instructor to practice this essential skill can be a valuable investment. Nesting birds make a thorough preflight essential.

Looking to find someone to fly with? Use the **Aviation Society at Yale's panlist** to send out a blast to the 200+ Yalies that would love to go with you. More details can be found by contacting fly@panlists.yale.edu.

Charlie Skelton reports that **55044** has just come out of its 100 hour, which, for purposes of timing, was made an Annual. Adjustments were made to the ailerons, the back side of the propeller was repainted, and we looked into repairing the trim tab servo motor. All is now ship-shape for flying during the busy summer months! **[Can anyone guess where the picture to the left was taken? It was somewhere on 55044.... Answer next month!]**



Results from the **survey** just completed show that instruction, maintenance and camaraderie top the list of reasons members join – no surprise here. Dislikes include a lack of events, especially social events, to get to know other members. Thanks to everyone who let their voices be heard! We will be using your feedback to improve the club and inform our strategy going forward.

Work continues on the updated Yale Aviation Website. The team of **Tom Sobocinski**, **Ty Kamp**, and **Laura Baldwin** is getting information updated, reformatted and adding such features as a list of useful web sites and textbooks for training. Suggestions welcome!

AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS –

A new PTS (Practical Test Standards) comes into effect on June 1, 2012. Find more information at www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/airmen/test_standards/pilot after June 1.

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Title: 2012 National Safety Stand Down                      Topic: **Loss of Control**

Date and Time: **Saturday, April 21, 2012**, starting at 10:00 am

Speaker(s): David Faile, Dr. Katrina Avers, John Allen, Barry Hyde, Steve Keeseey, Janeene Kochan, Rich Stowell

Brief Description: This year's FAASTeam Safety Stand Down focuses on Loss of Control. Loss of Control In-Flight was the dominant cause of fatal general aviation accidents over the last decade. Loss of Control refers to accidents resulting from situations in which the pilot should have either maintained or regained

control of the aircraft, but did not. Join the thousands of other pilots across the country in attending this exciting briefing! Select Number: EA6343258

Location of Seminar: Three Wing Flying Services, 400 Great Meadow Road, Three Wing Hangar, Stratford, CT 06615

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Wanted: Alive!
Reining in the Fatal Accident Rate

Be part of the safety conversation as the Air Safety Institute digs a little deeper into what's causing pilot-related accidents. Join us as we discuss the top pilot-related accident categories, why they are what they are, and how you can avoid falling into them!

Tuesday, April 17, 2012
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Select
15 Middlesex Canal Park
Woburn, MA 01801

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sheraton Hartford Hotel
100 East River Drive
East Hartford, CT 06108

Thursday, April 19, 2012
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Southern NH University
Dining Center, Banquet Hall
2500 N. River Road
Manchester, NH 03106

No RSVP Required
For more information on seminar locations and dates, visit us at
www.airsafetyinstitute.org/seminars

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**TWEED NEWS -**

**TSA Badges** – Have you renewed?

Remember that to complete the procedure, you must have a completed application signed by our new TSA signatory, **Jeff Welsh** (203-481-7676, between the hours of 10 am to 5 pm is best). Once that's done, you MUST CALL KATHY GRANT (203-466-8833 ext 109) to reserve a spot in the security refresher classes given over at west ramp.

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Taxiway Closures! – Closures of portions of taxiways A (between G and F) and C (between B and H) are going to result in new hold short lines while Tweed works to repair the asphalt. Be on the lookout for these, and pay particular attention to D-NOTAMS as you go out flying this spring.

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We welcome JJ, a new controller at Tweed coming from Hartford!

**PODCASTS & APPS & GADGETS**– Please send me your favorite app, tech toy or podcast suggestion to share! (See what I am reduced to using, if you don't help me out???!!!!)



A creative hat from this year's Easter Parade on Fifth Avenue in NYC.

## SIMULATOR

Anyone needing simulator access should e-mail Ty Kamp ([tahia.kamp@yale.edu](mailto:tahia.kamp@yale.edu)) the alpha-numeric code on the back of their Yale IDs. Those without Yale IDs need to enter with Charlie, who has a key to the Simulator Room in Engineering.

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The Yale Aviation Newsletter will go out to the membership on the 15th of every month. Please let me know if you have any news, suggestions, or comments: YASecretary@aol.com

Laura Baldwin, Secretary
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